



**GOVERNOR'S ARIZONA READY EDUCATION COUNCIL
MINUTES**

General Meeting – March 5, 2014

10:00 A.M.

Location: 1700 W. Washington
3rd Floor Conference Room
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Members Present: Dr. Craig Barrett, Tim Carter, Janna Day, Pearl Esau, Glen Hamer, Eileen Klein, (Telephonic) Amanda McAdams, Diane McCarthy, Tom Tyree, Kathy Player, Dr. Jim Zaharis.

Members Absent: Rep. Jeff Dial (ex-officio), Rep. Doris Goodale (ex-officio), Dr. Rufus Gasper, Jacob Moore, Brad Holaway, Superintendent John Huppenthal, Onnie Shekerjian, Colleen Niccum (Telephonic) Merl Waschler (Telephonic) Jacob Moore, Sandra Watson, Kimberly Yee (ex-officio)

Staff Present: Rebecca Gau and Dale Frost

Call to Order, Welcome & Introductions

Dr. Craig Barrett called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. and introduced the purpose of the meeting, which was to get an update from the Governor's Office Education and Innovation Rebecca Gau discussed the bottom line of the Quarterly Review and how she got to it.

Dr. Barrett called for an approval of the Jan 23rd, 2014 Council meeting minutes as presented. Diane McCarthy motioned for this approval, and Kathy Player seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion: Delivery Plan Update, National Teacher Survey Data, Preliminary Data: Performance on new Standards, Communications Update and Council Member Feedback Review.

Rebecca Gau with the Governor's Office of Education Innovation (GOEI) informed the Council about the internal quarterly review- based on Delivery Plan she discussed in December. She also discussed Arizona Ready Pillar Tracking. There are three steps to this review: I. The quality of planning (this refers to staff and how well issues are anticipated). II. Capacity - do we have the resources that we need to carry out the delivery plan? In our case it's related to time, people and power, a lot of what we do is labor intensive and doesn't require a lot of funds. III. Funds for evidence of process- we are working really hard to carry out this idea of projective working impact.

Rebecca Gau with the Governor's office of Education and Innovation discussed the Pillar and Strategies (Standards and Assessment) discussing the likelihood to succeed and the ones at risk.

Report: National Survey Data- Kerry McConnell

A recent scholastic survey shows that Arizona's teachers are extremely enthusiastic about the Common Core Standards. Arizona's teachers are more enthusiastic than the rest of the country the survey showed about 84% of Arizona's teachers are on board with Arizona College and Career Ready Standards. The survey also showed that teachers nationally are on board.

Update: GOEI

Ms. Gau updated the Council on GOEI, concerning the assessment. A major concern is what the test scores will look like under a new assessment. Assessment Technology, Incorporated (ATI) conducted an analysis of progress of Arizona Students Toward Mastery of Arizona College and Career Ready Standards, using their College and Career Ready assessment item bank.

Results showed that while mastery varies for different standards and for different students, mastery of the standards follows the "normal distribution."

This suggests that the standards are NOT too low – but rather reflect elements that are rigorous for many students in the state.

Update: Communication

Rebecca Gau with the Governor's Office of Education Innovation-Facebook is closely creeping up, our goal is to hit 20,000 by March 20, 2014; our media stopped because we changed firms, we'll restart soon.

Twitter closely creeping up the goal is to start participating in live forum such as AGH chat and our newsletter, our goal is to hit 1,000 my March 20, 2014 and we have an email strategy.

Council Comments

Rebecca Gau with the Governor's office of Education and Innovation suggested a Council Retreat off site that would be longer than one or two hours where the Council could strategize as a group and have study sessions. Motioned for approval; the motion passed unanimously.

The Council supports the current education structure with the State Board Education being the body to approve, adopt the standards in the K-12 arena.

The Council reiterates its total support for the recently re-named Common Core Standard to Arizona College and Career Ready and to strongly urge the Governor to listen to our message and take support of our message both of them. Motioned for approval; the motion passed unanimously.

Arizona Ready Goals Update

Kerry McConnell- Arizona Ready 2020 Goal 4 Increase the number of community college students earning associate degrees and/or certificates to 44,000 and the number of in-state university transfers to 12,500.

Arizona Ready Goal 5 Double the number of students receiving baccalaureate degrees to 36,000 per year. Degrees have grown.

Betsy Hargrove Superintendent Avondale School as a person and superintendent supports the plan as a good general plan, the clarity of which she have been asked to teach has not been aligned, a pause is needed in order for fairness in order to report it to her staff, parents, the community, and the state itself. She seeks support to help implement the standards with her staff and community in order for the rest of us to get aligned.

Legislative Update Dale Frost

There are 60 bills that impact education we are watching. There are six main bills that will impact education specifically K-12. There are five major categories Bill 1310 on 3rd recount; Bill 2316 impact the standards, school personnel are looking at this to see if this is workable. There are two bills concerning Data Privacy Bill 2645 is moving along the Governor is looking at this Bill in her policy document; Bill 2702 deals with privacy.

Bills that may impact Arizona Ready Goals

Areas of School Choice

Scholarship Account

Career and Technical Education JT and 9th grade.

List of Next Three Meeting Dates

- Not given perhaps early summer
- Will have future presentations
- Update on Data System
- Update on Higher Education – High School

Public Comments

Misha Freeman National Board Certified Teacher as well as Arizona Education Association of Excellence in 2012; representing the state of Washington, DC. Topic: Arizona College and Career Ready Standards. Thank you for supporting standards and teachers. Thank you for doing what's right in education versus doing what's easy I know it's not always easy, and I support you and so do the teachers.

Kristie Martorelli 2012 Arizona Teacher of the Year: Topic: Arizona CCRS implementation. I encourage you to continue your support of the Arizona College Career Standards. Its best for kids and the right thing to do.

Nancie Lindblom 2013 Arizona Teacher of the Year: Topic: Arizona College and Career Ready Standards. I have taught in the public school system for 18 years, and I have never seen a set of standards that challenge our students at such a high level and encourage us to each student the quality of education they all deserve. I support the Arizona Standards and encourage you to support them, and support teachers in our efforts to be trained properly and have the resources that we need to be effective in our teaching as well as we teach them.

Beth Maloney 2014 Arizona Teacher of the Year and National Board Certified Teacher; Topic: Standards and Implementation. I have been implementing the standards now for three years in my 5th

grade classroom. I want to talk to you now not only as a teacher, but as a parent. What I love about Arizona College and Career is what I see come home in my daughter's kindergarten backpack; she is building a sense of number signs that will serve her through the rest of her education. Teachers that have been teaching the Common Core Standards in their classrooms for the past three-four years successfully and we see the evidence of success. Ms. Maloney thanked the council for their support of standards.

Jonathan Parker -Arizona Educational Foundation and Ambassador for Excellence. Topic: Support for Standards. I support rigorous standards on behalf of my colleagues, my students and my own children. Teachers are begging to make my class harder. I support the Standards and I thank you. I am also a parent of two children; one in the eighth grade and one in the 5th grade and for me their education is not experience in the abstract window of time. That they enjoy the Arizona School System should not be an experiment, this is their one shot; and as for me, offers them an education worthy of my daughters.

Adjourn

With no further business before the Council, Dr. Barrett motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was then declared adjourned by Dr. Barrett.